

COMMUNITY PLANNING PROGRAM

To assist elected officials in developing and maintaining a
COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT or
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.

FORWARD:

MYTON CITY began its life in the late 1800s, under the name of "The Bridge". The wooden bridge spanning the then vast Duchesne river was the reason for its birth. It was the only crossing for military, passengers and freight wagons. It served to transfer freight to Ouray, Fort Duchesne, Whiterocks, Vernal and all points thereafter. In 1905 the homestead act was passed and the Uintah Basin was flooded with people from all over the world, taking advantage of the \$1.25 an acre land.

Myton was picked by President Theodore Roosevelt to be set aside as an official Government Townsite. It was at that time given the name MYTON because the man running the post office was Col. H.P. Myton and mail was sent simply to the MYTON post office.

Myton began their official request for Incorporation in 1912. It was at that time the second largest town in the Uintah Basin, exceeded only by Vernal.

Many events shaped the future of Myton after that. Fire, flood, The depression and politics, carried Myton on a roller coaster of ups and downs, leaving it at one point listed in the "Book of Official Ghost Town in Utah". Still the Town and the people living there, hung on, looking for the "break" that would bring prosperity and growth to their town and give meaning to the hardships they had endured for so many years. The "break" arrived in the early 1970s in the form of oil activity in the Uintah Basin.

When the "Oil Boom" or economic explosion hit the Uintah Basin and the